

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 and 8-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 8-10, 15, 16, and 28 have been amended. Claims 1, 10, 16, and 17 are independent claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the Amendments and the following Remarks.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 17-23 are allowed. Also, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 10, 11, 25, 26, 28, and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Without conceding the appropriateness of any rejection, claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form. Thus, claims 10 and 11 are also in condition for allowance.

#### ***Claim Objections***

Claim 8 is objected to because it is allegedly unclear what is to be defined by "with another type" in line 3. Claim 8 has been amended above to replace this phrase with --with another base assembly module--. In view of this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection.

Claim 15 is objected to for not having sufficient antecedent basis for "the multiple types of mounting platforms." Claim 15 has been amended to replace this phrase with --the multiple types of aircraft--, which does have antecedent basis in base claim 1. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection.

***Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102***

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,461,029 to Gronemeier et al. (hereafter "Gronemeier").<sup>1</sup> This rejection, insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims, is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite, "the base assembly module is interchangeable with: a base assembly module whose electronic circuitry is active, and a base assembly module whose electronic circuitry is passive." It is respectfully submitted that this feature is not disclosed in Gronemeier.

Applicants submit that the amendment to claim 1 generically covers an embodiment (see claim 8) in which a base module with passive electronic circuitry is interchangeable with another base assembly module whose electronic circuitry is active. The amendment also generically covers another embodiment (see claim 9) in which a base assembly module with active electronic circuitry is interchangeable with a base assembly module whose electronic circuitry is passive.

In the rejection, the Examiner asserts that Gronemeier teaches that the base assembly module is interchangeable with another type (Office Action at page 3). However, this assertion directly contradicts the Examiner's statement in page 4 of the Office Action that Gronemeier fails to teach that the base assembly module is specifically replaceable. Since the Examiner does not consider Gronemeier to teach a replaceable base assembly module, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's position that Gronemeier teaches a base assembly module interchangeable with another type is untenable.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* case against claim 1. At least for this reason, Applicants submit that claim 1 is allowable.

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<sup>1</sup> While claims 2 and 3 were not specifically listed in this rejection, Applicants presume the Examiner intended to include these claims in the rejection since the Office Action Summary indicates that these claims were rejected, and not other specific grounds of rejections were presented for claims 2 and 3.

Furthermore, Applicants submit that claims 2-4, 8, 9, and 12-14 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

### ***Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103***

Claims 16, 24, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0110649 to Fredericks et al. (hereafter “Fredericks”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,674,096 to Sommers (hereafter “Sommers”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As amended, independent claim 16 now recites, “the mounting module is configured...to form a pattern of light with a predetermined angular cutoff in the horizontal plane of the aircraft.” Applicants submit that Fredericks and Sommers fail to teach or suggest this feature. In fact, Applicants submit that Fredericks *teaches away* from this claimed feature by disclosing an anticollision light designed with a 360° radiation pattern in the horizontal plane. See paragraph 0004; Figs. 1 and 2.

At least for the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 16 is allowable. Furthermore, claims 24 and 27 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 16. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is thus requested.

### ***Conclusion***

Entry of this Amendment After Final is respectfully requested in that it raises no new issues requiring further search and/or consideration. Rather, Applicants submit that the independent claims have been amended to include features previously considered by the Examiner in other claims. In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the outstanding rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance in the present application.

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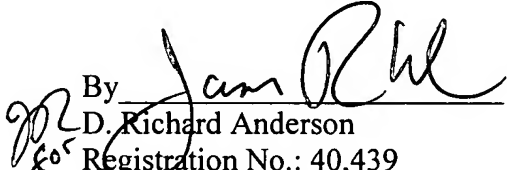
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Should the Examiner believe that any outstanding matters remain in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305) at the telephone number of the undersigned to discuss the present application in an effort to expedite prosecution.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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